



Vice Adm. Cutler Dawson, Jr. Commander U.S. Second Fleet/ NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic

Vice Adm. Cutler Dawson was born in Richmond, Virginia. He is a 1970 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. Vice Adm. Dawson is a 1986 graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and has a Master's Degree in Financial Management from the Naval Postgraduate School. He attended the Program for Senior Executives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Vice Adm. Dawson's service at sea includes tours in frigates, destroyers and cruisers. He has served afloat on the staffs of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE and Commander SEVENTH Fleet. He commanded USS MOLALA (ATF-106), USS BRONSTEIN (FF-1037), USS HARRY W. HILL (DD-986), USS PRINCETON (CG 59), and Cruiser-Destroyer Group TWELVE/ENTERPRISE Battle Group. ENTERPRISE Battle Group conducted strikes in support of Operation Desert Fox in the Arabian Gulf and Allied Force in the Adriatic Sea during its Nov 98 – May 99 deployment.

Shore assignments include the Surface Warfare Division of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), Director of the Navy's Senate Liaison Office, Director of the Operations Division of the Navy Budget Office, and Acting Budget Officer of the Navy. Most recently, he was the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs.

His personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, four awards of the Legion of Merit, three awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V, and various unit and campaign awards.

Vice Adm. Dawson assumed duties as Commander Second Fleet/Commander Striking Fleet Atlantic in August 2001.
